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In re the application of: Li YANG and Toshihiro YOSHIDA

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) (37 C.F.R. 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2.	This request is being submitted (check appropriate item(s) below):
	i. [X] Prior to abandonment of the application
	 ii. [] Payment of the issue fee [] Prior to payment of issue fee [] Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 was filed (copy attached).
	 iii. [] Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences [] A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
	 iv. [] Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or [] Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146 [] Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action [] Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated
	PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS
3.	Please Enter and Consider the following Previously Submitted Documents:
	 [X] Request for Reconsideration filed March 6, 2003. [] Brief on Appeal filed [] Other:

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ENCLOSURES

4.	. Enclosed herewith is/are:				
	[] An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449				
	[] An Identification of Copending Application(s) and Form PTO-1449				
	[] An Amendment				
	[] New arguments				
	[] New evidence in support of patentability				
	[] Other:				
	FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).				
5.	This application is on behalf of:				
	[] Small entity (and status is still as small entity)	\$375.00			
	[X] Other than a small entity	\$750.00			
	Continued Prosecution Request Fee	\$750.00			

FEE FOR CLAIMS

6. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid	(5) No. of Extra Claims Present	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	16	MINUS	20	0	0	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	0	0	0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT 0						

(c) [X] No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) [] Total additional fee required is \$.

EXTENSION OF TIME

- 7. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.
 - (a) [X] Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (Months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
~	One Month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
	Two Months	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
	Three Months	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
	Four Months	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00

Extension Fee

\$110.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

[] An extension for	months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor
of \$	is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension
now requested.	

Extension fee due with this request \$

OR

(b) [] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

8. The total fee(s) due is/are:

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Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e)) \$750.00

Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d)) \$ 0.00

Extension of time fee (if any) ($\S 1.17(a)(1)-(4)$) \$110.00

Total Fee(s) Due: \$860.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

9.	P. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued exa	mination application as follows:			
	[X] Check is attached for the sum of	\$860.00			
	[] Charge Deposit Account No. 50-14	446 the sum of \$			
	[x] Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.				
	April 11, 2003	Respectfully submitted,			
	Date	Kevin C. Brown			

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